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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge  
Appointed in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit**

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Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the judges in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit voted to select Zina R. Cruse as an associate judge.

Ms. Cruse received her undergraduate degree in 1985 from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri, and her Juris Doctor in 1993 from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Ms. Cruse is currently engaged in solo practice in Belleville, Illinois.